STOP WORK ON MAY 12TH

GIVE SCHEME WORKERS THEIR RIGHTS

The Coalition has launched a devastating attack on the Community Employment Programme, trying to cut 7000 jobs back. Many schemes are already the only alternative to long term unemployment, and this attack makes a mockery of any Coalition rhetoric of "job creation".

Community Employment workers contribute a lot to their areas. Community centres, art centres and information groups all depend on the labour of CEP workers. Now, many of these resources for the community will be curtailed, and the alternatives for the long term unemployed reduced.

Scheme workers are treated terribly, getting paid £79 for a 20 hour week. Last year, Ruairi Quinn decided this miserly wage should be taxed, and £5 was deducted at source.

As long as scheme workers remain unorganised, our wages and conditions are open to these attacks. We need to form our own network, unionise and defend our jobs and conditions.

A march is organised for Wednesday 10th May to meet at the Mansion House at 2pm. This is to publicise the Work Stoppage on Friday 12th May. All scheme workers should support the march on the 10th, and organise the work stoppage in their scheme on the 12th.

The Scheme Workers Alliance and the INOU has organised a picket on the Dáil on 2pm Friday 12th, the day of the Work Stoppage. Those angry at FAS and the Government should bring as many from their scheme and make as much noise as possible. So bring your whistles, placards and drums!

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PICKET THE DAIL, 2pm FRI. 12th MAY

Speakers: Paul Johnston (Scheme Workers Alliance); Mick O'Reilly (ATGWU); Joe Carolan (Socialist Workers Party)